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***Raised Bill No. 972***

LCO No. 3484

Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:  
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Secretary of the Office of  
2       Policy and Management shall establish a program for the purpose of  
3       measuring the performance of all budgeted state agencies. The  
4       secretary shall: (1) Assure that each budgeted state agency develops  
5       biennially a strategic business plan that (A) identifies the relevant  
6       benchmarks defined by the Connecticut Progress Council pursuant to  
7       section 4-67r of the general statutes, and (B) includes goals, objectives  
8       and performance measures for each program, service and state grant  
9       administered or provided by the agency; (2) assure that the goals,  
10      objectives and performance measures included in each budgeted state  
11      agency's strategic business plan address performance information  
12      needs identified pursuant to section 4 of this act; (3) assure that each  
13      budgeted state agency collects data on the performance measures and  
14      benchmarks included in the agency's strategic business plan; (4) assure  
15      that an annual report is prepared by each budgeted state agency on the  
16      programs, services and state grants administered or provided by the

17 agency based on an analysis of the benchmark and performance  
18 measurement data included in the agency's strategic business plan  
19 and, beginning September 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, assure that  
20 such report is submitted to the Legislative Program Review and  
21 Investigations Committee in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
22 general statutes; and (5) assure that the Legislative Program Review  
23 and Investigations Committee and the joint standing committees of the  
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
25 appropriations and government administration and elections, and the  
26 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
27 of matters relating to the agency have access to the benchmark and  
28 performance measurement data.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 2-53g of the general statutes is  
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
31 *1, 2003*):

32 (a) The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee  
33 shall: (1) Direct its staff and other legislative staff available to the  
34 committee to conduct program reviews and investigations to assist the  
35 General Assembly in the proper discharge of its duties; (2) establish  
36 policies and procedures regarding the printing, reproduction and  
37 distribution of its reports; (3) review staff reports submitted to the  
38 committee and, when necessary, confer with representatives of the  
39 state departments and agencies reviewed in order to obtain full and  
40 complete information in regard to programs, other activities and  
41 operations of the state, and may request and shall be given access to  
42 and copies of, by all public officers, departments, agencies and  
43 authorities of the state and its political subdivisions, such public  
44 records, data and other information and given such assistance as the  
45 committee determines it needs to fulfill its duties. Any statutory  
46 requirements of confidentiality regarding such records, data and other  
47 information, including penalties for violating such requirements, shall  
48 apply to the committee, its staff and its other authorized  
49 representatives in the same manner and to the same extent as such

50 requirements and penalties apply to any public officer, department,  
51 agency or authority of the state or its political subdivisions. The  
52 committee shall act on staff reports and recommend in its report, or  
53 propose, in the form of a raised committee bill, such legislation as may  
54 be necessary to modify current operations and agency practices; (4)  
55 consider and act on requests by legislators, legislative committees,  
56 elected officials of state government and state department and agency  
57 heads for program reviews. The request shall be submitted in writing  
58 to the Program Review and Investigations Committee and shall state  
59 reasons to support the request. The decision of the committee to grant  
60 or deny such a request shall be final; (5) conduct investigations  
61 requested by joint resolution of the General Assembly, or, when the  
62 General Assembly is not in session, (A) requested by a joint standing  
63 committee of the General Assembly or initiated by a majority vote of  
64 the Program Review and Investigations Committee and approved by  
65 the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, or (B) requested by  
66 the Joint Standing Committee on Legislative Management. In the event  
67 two or more investigations are requested, the order of priority shall be  
68 determined by the Legislative Program Review and Investigations  
69 Committee; (6) retain, within available appropriations, the services of  
70 consultants, technical assistants, research and other personnel  
71 necessary to assist in the conduct of program reviews and  
72 investigations; (7) originate, and report to the General Assembly, any  
73 bill it deems necessary concerning a program, department or other  
74 matter under review or investigation by the committee, in the same  
75 manner as is prescribed by rule for joint standing committees of the  
76 General Assembly; [and] (8) review audit reports after issuance by the  
77 Auditors of Public Accounts, evaluate and sponsor new or revised  
78 legislation based on audit findings, provide means to determine  
79 compliance with audit recommendations and receive facts concerning  
80 any unauthorized, illegal, irregular or unsafe handling or expenditures  
81 of state funds under the provisions of section 2-90; (9) direct its staff  
82 and other legislative staff available to the committee to analyze and  
83 comment on the annual reports submitted to the committee pursuant

84 to section 1 of this act; (10) direct such staff to analyze and comment on  
 85 the performance and benchmark data obtained pursuant to section 1 of  
 86 this act; and (11) beginning January 1, 2006, and annually thereafter,  
 87 direct such staff to distribute reports and data submitted by the  
 88 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management with the committee's  
 89 comments on the reports and data to the joint standing committees of  
 90 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 91 appropriations and government administration and elections, and the  
 92 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
 93 of matters relating to the agency.

94     Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Whenever the Auditors of  
 95 Public Accounts conduct an audit pursuant to section 2-90 of the  
 96 general statutes, the auditors shall determine if: (1) The strategic  
 97 business plan required under section 1 of this act is current; (2) the  
 98 strategic business plan required under section 1 of this act contains all  
 99 the required elements; (3) the data pertaining to the performance  
 100 measures and benchmarks required by section 1 of this act are being  
 101 collected; and (4) the data being collected are reliable and valid.

102     Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Not later than January 1, 2005,  
 103 and annually thereafter, the joint standing committees of the General  
 104 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
 105 government administration and elections, and the joint standing  
 106 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 107 relating to each state agency, shall identify their performance  
 108 information needs with respect to the state agency for purposes of the  
 109 strategic business plan established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

110     Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than one hundred eighty  
 111 days after the effective date of this section, the Secretary of the Office  
 112 of Policy and Management shall establish a schedule whereby each  
 113 budgeted state agency shall biennially develop a strategic business  
 114 plan pursuant to section 1 of this act. The schedule established by the  
 115 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall require at least

116 twenty per cent of the budgeted state agencies to develop such a plan  
117 by July 1, 2005, and shall require that not later than July 1, 2008, all  
118 budgeted state agencies are biennially developing such strategic  
119 business plans.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>

***PRI***      *Joint Favorable*

***GAE***      *Joint Favorable*